

**City of Somerville  
Licensing Commission**

**SPECIAL Meeting by Remote Participation**

**Monday  
April 5, 2021  
5:00pm**

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**DRAFT OF THE  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
Monday, April 5, 2021**

**Posted Monday, May 17, 2021 at 9:00am**

*The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm. Present were Commissioners, Lynch, Allen and Lindgren, Secretary to the Commission Lori Batzek, Lt. Mitsakis, a member of the Police Dept., City Clerk, John Long, Members of the City Staff, Applicants and members of the public.*

*The meeting adjourned at 5:31pm*

*A recording of this meeting is available online*

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. C. 30A, s. 18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, as well as Mayor Curtatone's Declaration of Emergency, dated March 15, 2020, this meeting of the Licensing Commission will be conducted via remote participation. We will post an audio recording, audio-video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of these proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting on the City of Somerville website.

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**Requesting  
An Alteration of Premises  
For TEMPORARY Outdoor Patio Seating**

**1.**

FOR NEXT LC MEETING			
LICENSE #	BUSINESS NAME	ADDRESS	APP. TYPE
ALM21-000015	Barra.Bars	23A Bow St.	PUBLIC - NEW Parklet & NEW Dog Area (current rules do not allow for new dog area)
ALM21-000017	Revival Café	197 Elm	PUBLIC - NEW Parklet
ALM21-000020	Dazken Corp	195 Elm St.	PUBLIC - Adding Fencing on Public Property
ALM21-000021	Mortadella Head	20 College Ave.	PUBLIC - Adding Temp Outdoor Seating on the Sidewalk
ALM21-000023	The Painted Burro	219 Elm St.	PRIVATE - Adding Tent to Private Outdoor seating
ALM21-000024	True Bistro	1153 Broadway	PUBLIC - Adding Parklet
ALM21-000025	Sally O'Brien's	335 Somerville Ave.	PUBLIC - Adding 2 Parklets (with 20 seats)
ALM21-000026	J.P. Lick's	36 Davis Sq.	Removing Seating for social distancing (indoors or outdoors?)
ALM21-000027	Mikes Bar	97 Washington St.	PRIVATE - Adding Outdoor Seating on Private Property (72 seats)
ALM21-000028	Forge Baking Company	626A Somerville Ave.	PUBLIC - Moving Parklet

**Barra Bars - New dog areas are not allowed. Dog areas were not approved. Sidewalk seating was approved last year. Moving into the street this year for a parklet. Director Galligani spoke on this application and recommends provisional approval. No sidewalk seating will be in effect due to accessibility purposes.**

**The Commission provisionally approved both Public and Private Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures. NO approval was given for Dog areas**

**Revival Café - Director Galligani spoke on this application and recommends provisional approval. Justin Schreiber stated this area and Dazken Corp. are 2 distinctive/separate area seating plans. Revival Café has a condition in place, to ensure the separate parking space remains between the 2 areas. An updated layout was submitted and approved.**

**The Commission provisionally approved this Public Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .**

**Dazken Corp - Justin Schreiber states this is similar to the other applications and recommends provisional approval. Commissioner Allen commented on the note that 16 seats would not fit into 1 parking space, and asked what a reasonable number of seats would be for the final license. Mr. Schreiber stated closer to 8-10 depending on how create they want to get and how wide the sidewalk is. A new plan will need to be submitted. Commissioner Lindgren wanted to ensure ADA compliance. Mr. Schreiber stated engineering will ensure this and they have created a new PDF Form with specific guidance on this matter for licensees.**

**The Commission provisionally approved this Public Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .**

#### **Mortadella Head - Withdrawn**

**The Painted Burro – Justin Schreiber stated this is an expansion of the tent and capacity in the back. Chairman Lynch asked if this will interfere in any way with the restaurant next door. Mr. Schreiber stated he believed they are working together to insure that the 2 private areas don't conflict. They share a common property owner and he feels they have worked out this matter, without overlapping. Chairman Lynch referenced the blueprint submitted, and had questions as to how far the area extended. Joe Cassinelli stated the floor plan showing was last year's plan. This year he submitted a new plan that shows 4 tents, and the other restaurant is putting 2 tents back up, behind their restaurant, where they placed them last year. Mr. Cassinelli stated he requested a 10x10 service area (a shipping container), but did not see it on the agenda. Out of the Blue is a separate area. This area is for The Painted Burro, he stated The Rosebud will probably try to use this same area for brunch. Chairman Lynch stated this area could not be shared with adjustments to The Rosebud's License. Mr. Cassinelli stated The Rosebud had the same as last year. Chairman Lynch stated The Rosebud did not have private seating in the back, they had Parklet seating in the front. Mr. Cassinelli stated he believed The Rosebud had private seating in the back as well. Chairman Lynch requested the Secretary Lori Batzek to investigate what was approved last year for the private patio in the back of the restaurants, he recalled Painted Burro and Out of the Blue approval for the private patio in the back. Chairman Lynch requested an update on The Painted Burro and**

*The Rosebud's parklets. Mr. Cassinelli stated all approvals have been received for The Painted Burro with a couple of conditions he is working on. He needs to know if the city requires an architecturally stamped plan to do a deck in front of The Rosebud, because he cannot build walls, due to the fire hydrant (there is not enough clearance). He is also going to submit the same plan for Posto as The Painted Burro for the parklet in front of the restaurant.*

*The Commission provisionally approved this Private Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .*

*True Bistro - Chairman Lynch found this application and documents fairly straightforward. Director Galligani agreed and recommended provisional approval pending all department signatures.*

*The Commission provisionally approved this Public Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .*

*Sally O'Brien's - Director Galligani agreed and recommended provisional approval pending all department signatures. Chairman Lynch asked if they were also maintaining the Public Sidewalk Seating. Justin Schreiber stated they were asked to submit for either sidewalk or parklet seating, because he did not believe there is adequate room for both. Commissioner Lindgren asked about ADA compliance. Mr. Schreiber confirmed this.*

*The Commission provisionally approved this Public Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .*

J.P. Licks - Withdrawn

*Mike's Bar – Justin Schreiber stated this is a relatively large parking lot and recommended provisional approval pending all department signatures. The floorplan submitted was written by hand, and Mr. Schreiber has requested some additional confirmation of the distances and measurements between the tables. Commissioner Lindgren stated proper distances for take-out needs to be taken into consideration and ADA compliance.*

*The Commission provisionally approved this Private Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .*

*Forge Baking Company - Director Galligani stated this is one of the city's two oldest parklets and they are expanding and recommended provisional approval pending all department signatures.*

*The Commission provisionally approved this Public Outdoor Seating, pending all department signatures .*